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My dear Marion; - Saturday Nov. -

I am positively ashamed of
myself for the long delay in
acknowledging your two letters
of the 2 and 19 of December, but
if you could have seen the mess
which I've been in, for the past month,

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I have been on the stage or over
since you left, - not stopping a
single day to rest, - and thus, to
- settle with - all my year shop-
ping has quite worn me out.

Well, I suppose you enjoyed a
most happy Christmas, as did
every one who saw, for with such

I am sure you would quite under-
 stand my ever looking many impor-
 tant duties, however, I sincerely
 hope you will pardon my extreme
 rudeness this time, if I promise
 never to do it again. I was
 indeed very sorry to hear of your
 hurt and much illness, and sin-
 cerely ^{hope} that you have quite recovered are this.

perfect weather. I can't imagine
any one feeling otherwise, as it
certainly was an ideal Christmas
Day, was it not? He all spent
a most glorious day at Mr and
Mrs Curran's house, where they
ate the Christmas dinner and in
the evening had a beautiful tree;

with presents galore for everyone -
I don't know when I've passed so
happy and merry a Christmas as this
year, and with so many beautiful
gifts as I received - (20 in all) I
really had no idea I had so many
kind relatives and friends - I wish
to send in for her share, and all

as you always see such a lucky
 young Miss in the way of receiving
 lovely presents. I shall still be here
 during the rest of this month, as every
 day is engaged up to the 1st, at
 last after that, I am going to en-
 deavour to take a much needed
 rest, - and should be pleased to see

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in all, she got twenty-three:-
I could not attempt to tell you
of all we received, for surely I
could not know where to begin,
but when you shall see some day,
I shall be most happy to show them
all to you: I presume you also
received some superb gift.

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both your self and aunt at my
time. It was most ~~thoughtful~~ ^{thoughtful} of you
to enquire so kindly for Mrs. H.
& Dr. and I will say they are
both very well, and Mrs. H. has full-
ly recovered from her accident and
feels no ill effects whatever.
Well, I must close, as I am due

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in time for lunch, and then
take a nature supplement that gets
out at 10 P.M. already, so I'll be
for you and with best wishes
for a happy New Year, remain
Yours affectionately,

Wm. H. Deane.

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